

## LAKE QUINSIGAMOND COMMISSION

Wednesday, April 28, 2004 minutes

Shrewsbury, Municipal Town Hall

Present: Chairperson Chief A. Wayne Sampson; Melvin Gordon; Michael Paika; Nicholas Pepper; Arthur LeDoux; Tristan Lundgren; Kenneth Polito;

Absent: John Wilson; Cpt. Ashe;

Meeting convened at 7:10 p.m

Approve minutes of March 24, 2004 meeting, seconded and unanimous

Bills and expenses-Treasurer Gordon reported a \$70.00 mailbox bill which was paid for and to be reimbursed by the Town. A printing bill for \$442.00 to be paid by the Treasurer,

Commissioner's reports:

K.Polito- Shrewsbury Conservation approved two Order of Conditions for work in Edgemere (renovating home and apply for new docks).

M.Gordon- Two bills previously stated and a balance in Acct. office \$2,203.00 (prior to dock fees)

A.LeDoux: Notified city DPW of illegal dumping on North Lake Avenue. Encourages residents to report similar incidents to local authorities.

M.Paika: Tremendous rain events, people had concerns if the lake would recover from a drawdown. Reassured residents this would not be an issue. Noticed nesting Canadian geese, advice to the public not to nurture them.

T.Lundgren: Worcester Conservation Commission- Failure sewer pump station reported of discharge and follow up is ongoing.

b. Addition construction to single dwelling on Lake Ave and negative determination.

N.Pepper: Reported pump station has bypassed twice in one month, (dumping raw sewerage) (third time since November 2003). Several conversations with the City of Worcester DPW, no future plans of remediation. Needs to monitor the by-pass system by putting in an alarm system in the by-pass line.

Motion made and seconded for discussion

M.Paika- a chronic problem and requires immediate attention from city officials or report to DPA.

M.Gordon- Definitely in violation of storm water management program.

Chief- Send a letter (and call prior to our next meeting) to Commissioner Moosey, inviting him to our next meeting to explain what's happening and some logical answers. Also to inquiry with Worcester Public Access Cable why are meetings are not aired in the city.

b. Marker buoys- 4 or 5 at Stringer Dam (need to be relocated). Two at house have been repaired and waiting to be re-deposited.

c. Reported two large wharfs floating in lake. Chief has received similar correspondence.

d. Letter sent to Larson boat dealer, and placed several calls, waiting for a response.

Chief Sampson:

a. Shrewsbury boat is in the water;

Proceeding with new Shrewsbury boat house, all permits approved by DEP and signed by the Governor – bid to be awarded and completed by summer.

- b. Boat Dock permits- all information has been re-entered and mailed out next week.
- c. Reminder to the public- The Corazzini Boat Ramp will be closed May 1, 8, 9, 15, 16, 22, 23. Will be open on Memorial Day Weekend.
- d. Correspondence
  - 1. Application 393 Bridle Path (John Rossi)- relative placement of new aluminum dock. Commisison approved
  - 2. Dock floating in the area of 220 S.Quinsigamond, owners located at 218. Both parties notified and will be attended to.
  - 3. New application- 302 Lake Ave North –sent plot plan & pictures, actual frontage 270’ Approved based on application.
  - 4. New application 22 Old Faith Rd- inspected property last year-Approved based on application.
  - 5. Several notices from City of Worcester relative to appeals before the Conservation Commission- 189 Dominion, 453 Lake Ave, and 13 Senona Dr (none pertaining to lake)
  - 6. Received detailed letter from residents from #9 & #9A Fifth Ave. Reviewed material and appears that a resident has installed a dock without a dock permit and application. Clearly shows that it obstructs the usage of an existing dock. To be inspected next week and a ruling to be made. Will contact both parties and set up for public hearing next month at 7:30pm

M.Gordon- suggested to call Telegram & Gazette –print in Bulletin (reminder for dock permits)

7:30pm-PUBLIC HEARING- event fees on the lake

This Commission is proposing to institute an event fee for usage of Lake Quinsigamond starting next year. We have discussed informally last meeting, that the fee would be instituted when a major portion of the lake is used by the event and therefore inhibits the use from general public. Open for discussion.

P.Diggins- QRA earlier submitted a informative letter to commission Take into consideration that rowing events generate constant revenue into surrounding towns, and noting that we are a non- profit organization. The average entry fee for colleges is in excess of \$1400 to participate in a one day event.

Motion was made to impose a \$100.00 fee, seconded, for discussion .

Commissioners discussed : type of event, ramp closing, power boats, disruption of general use public, use of marked buoys, consider acreage used

All tournaments need approval by Parks & Recreation – not an organized event

Chief: Motion before this commission to institute a \$100.00 per event day fee . Submit in writing and bring back next mtg for signatures by all commissioners. To include clause – hardship, reasonable cause, ramp closing, marked buoys and other significant restrictions of the waterways beginning in 2005. All in favor.

To be added in the LQC Rules and Regulations.

End of public hearing 7:57pm

Old Business: Legislation for appointment of commissioner- per Rep. Polito is in the Senate

b. Jetskiis- options to amen or ban (change speed limit or prohibit). Last year there were two serious accidents. Due to shortage of policing there is no enforcement for safety.

M.Gordon suggested including the rules & regulations with the dock permits.

Agreed to hold a public hearing allowing discussion on jetskii safety for Lake Quinsigamond.

To reverse next months schedule, change dock hearing to 7:15pm and public hearing on jetskii safety at 7:30pm General public is welcome. Suggested to invite DEP police as guest speakers.

Motion to close meeting, seconded and adjourn at 8:30pm      unanimous.

Next meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, May 26, 2004 at 7:00pm

Respectfully submitted,

K. Hemmerdinger